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REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time, up to and including February 6, 2004 in which to file a response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed November 6, 2003. Applicants have paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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